

MATH 10250 Quiz 1
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You have **10 minutes** for the quiz. Please show your work and write neatly.
NO CALCULATOR please!

1. Rewrite the expression using only positive exponents

$$\begin{aligned}(x^{-5}y)^{-3/2} &= x^{15/2}y^{-3/2} \\ &= \frac{x^{15/2}}{y^{3/2}}\end{aligned}$$

2. Find the roots of

$$x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x = 0$$

We factor:

$$\begin{aligned}x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x &= x(x^2 + 2x - 3) \\ &= x(x + 3)(x - 1).\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the roots of the polynomial are $x = -3$, 0 , and 1 .